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SYLVANIA CITY COUNCIL
MARGARET T. RAUCH, CMCAAE, CLERK

March 6, 2001

The Honorable Spencer Abraham
Department of Energy
Forrestal Bldg
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Transport of High Level Nuclear Waste

Dear Secretary Abraham:

Enclosed is a certified copy of Resolution No. 4-2000, opposing the U.S. Department of Energy's decision to transport high level nuclear waste by rail or truck through transportation arteries in northern Ohio, which was enacted by Sylvania City Council on February 7, 2000. Sylvania City Council feels that the new Administration should have a copy of this legislation due to the importance of the issue.

Sincerely,

Margaret T. Rauch
Clerk of Council

Enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 4 - 2000

**OPPOSING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S
DECISION TO TRANSPORT HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE BY
RAIL OR BY TRUCK THROUGH TRANSPORTATION ARTERIES IN
NORTHERN OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy has requested public comment regarding their decision to transport high level nuclear waste by road or by rail to the Nevada storage facility in Yucca Mountain; and,

WHEREAS, it has not been proven that Yucca Mountain is safe to receive any nuclear waste; and,

1 WHEREAS, nuclear waste is presently being stored on power plant sites where there has never been an accident; and,

WHEREAS, the utility companies are better able to control the waste at its present location rather than transporting the waste to Nevada; and,

WHEREAS, transporting the nuclear waste over the rail and roadways places the waste near densely populated areas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sylvania considers this to pose an unacceptable risk to the health, safety, welfare and environment of the people of Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Sylvania, Lucas County, Ohio, 7 members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That this Council does strongly oppose the transportation of high level nuclear waste through Ohio to Yucca Mountain.

SECTION 2. Clerk of Council be, and she hereby is, directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to Governor Taft, Representative, Lynn Olman, and Senator, Robert Latta, Don't Waste Ohio, and to such other persons as is directed by the Mayor and any Motion of this Council.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to post a copy of this Resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council in the Municipal Building pursuant to ARTICLE III, Section 12, of the Charter of this City.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, property and welfare and for the reason that the State Administration, General Assembly and the public should be made aware immediately of the thoughts of its local representatives on the subject matter of this Resolution. Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after it is approved by the Mayor or as otherwise provided by the Charter.

Vote dispensing with the second and third readings: Yeas 7 Nays 0

Passed, February 7, 2000 as an emergency measure.

Russ Backus
President of Council

ATTEST:

Margaret T. Ranch
Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Mayor

February 7, 2000
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
Director of Law

PROOF OF PUBLICATION BY POSTING

I hereby certify that the within, foregoing, above or attached, as the case may be, was published by posting a copy thereof in the office of the Clerk of Council of the City of Sylvania, Ohio, in the Sylvania Municipal Building for a period of not less than 15 days, to wit:

FROM 2-10-00 TO 2-29-00
Margaret T. Ranch
CLERK OF COUNCIL DATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of Ordinance/Resolution No. 4-2000 duly passed by the Council of the City of Sylvania, Ohio, at its meeting on 2-7-00
Clerk of Council Margaret T. Ranch